

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the present patent application, with claims 2-6, 9-10, 16-17, and 19-20 having been allowed.

In the Office Action mailed March 30, 2007, the Examiner objects to claims 1, 7, 8, 11, 15, and 18 because of informalities. In these claims, the Examiner suggests replacing the expression "a point constellation" with "a constellation point." Note that the phrase "a point constellation" means "a constellation of points" and is correctly recited in these claims. To eliminate any potential confusion, however, these claims have been amended to replace the phrase "a point constellation" with the phrase "a constellation of points." Accordingly, claims 1, 7, 8, 11, 15 and 18 are now in condition for allowance. Claim 2 has been amended to more clearly recite the subject matter covered by this claim and remains allowable. These amendments do not narrow the scope of the corresponding claims.

Claims 11-14 are rejected in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 11 has been amended to recite a method for decoding a received point and accordingly now recites statutory subject matter. Claims 11-14 are accordingly now in condition for allowance.

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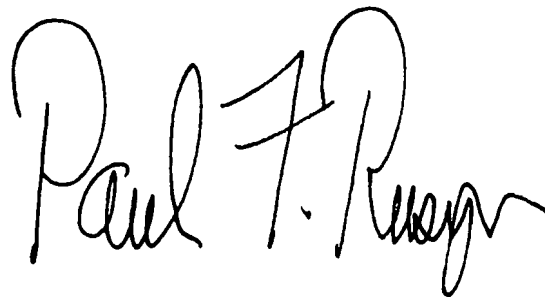
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The present patent application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. **Should the Examiner have any further questions about the application or consider any of the claims not in condition for allowance after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (425) 455-5575 to arrange for a telephone interview to discuss the outstanding issues.**

If the need for any fee is found at any point during the prosecution of this application, kindly consider this a petition therefore and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 07-1897.

Respectfully submitted,

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